THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) A meeting was held on 08-03-2000 under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Plaiming Commission with 10 States to review the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) including tlic issue of time and cost over runs in irrigation projects.

(b) Once an announcement about amount available for RIDF is made in the Union Budget, the State Government pose infrastructure projects for sanction to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). There are no sector specific allocation of funds under RIDF. Every year sanction of projects commences from April. This year i.e., 2000-2001 sanction of projects under RIDF VI shall commence from April onwards Following sanction and on completion of the documentation formalities, the disbursement of fiinds to State Governments will take place.

(c) Before sanction the projects are appraised by NABARD so as to assess their technical feasibility and financial viability.

(d) NABARD has sanctioned Rs. 5411.26 Crore as on 31-03-2000 under RIDF I to V for implementation of irrigation projects in different States.

Proposal to prepare a NHDR

3056. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to prepare a National Human Development Report (NHDR);

(b) whether Plarming Commission was entrusted with the task to produce such NHDR;

(c) if so, the reasons why such report has not been produced by Planning Commission, and

(d) the steps taken in the matter ?

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GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) to (d) The Planning Commission has commenced work on the preparation of a National Human Development Report. A Steering Committee nnder the Chairmanship of Secretary, Planning Commission has been set up to oversee the work. The report is expected to be submitted to the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission by the end of tlie financial year 2000-2001.

Impact of New Export-Import Policy on SSI Units

3057. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation of the impact of the new export-import policj' on the SSI units ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMAIX SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHAK\ RAJE): (a) and (b) Removal of Quantitative Restrictions in respect of several SSI reserved items under the new EXIM Policy would result in increased competition from imported goods. The Government is assisting the SSI sector to meet the emerging challenges by providing support in the areas of credit, technology, design, quality contiol, standards and marketing.

Implication of the quota restrictions

3058. SHRI YADLAPATIVENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state ;

(a) whether small scale industries will face difficulty on the implication of the quota restrictions after April, 2000 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Goverrunent propose to assist the small scale industries in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Small Scale Industries in India have enough resilience to withstand the impact of phasing out of Quantitative Restrictions beyond April, 2000, as is evident from their recent track record.